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Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations; (WT Proceeding - No. 11-65).

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I write in support of the AT&T and T-Mobile USA merger.

On behalf of the City of Canton, I would like to express my support of a merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA. Our community has been an area which has flourished through manufacturing and tourism, and I believe this merger will allow us to compete in the 21st century marketplace through ongoing economic diversification and boosting economic benefits.

While there are any number of reasons I can cite for my support, three are particularly important:

- 1) The first is the growth in jobs that would result. The approval of this merger would allow AT&T to expand its high-speed mobile broadband service to an additional 55 million Americans than under current plans, representing an increase from 80% to over 97% network coverage of the U.S. population.

This would be an enormous benefit for businesses in medium-sized towns such as Canton. These firms would gain cutting-edge wireless broadband capability, making them more competitive, and resulting in more business and job creation opportunities in their area.

- 2) My second is the nature of employment at AT&T. AT&T is the only major wireless company in the U.S. with a union-represented workforce. The Communications Workers of America (CWA) represents the employees of AT&T.

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of America (CWA) fully supports this merger. The CWA has stated that, in the long term, a post-merger AT&T would be better able to retain and increase jobs than if the two companies were left as separate entities. As a supporter of organized labor, I could not agree more.

The president of the CWA, Larry Cohen, has himself testified before Congress to express how the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA would accelerate wireless broadband deployment, benefit consumers and positively impact employees.

- 3) Finally, AT&T's network would support high-tech industries in the U.S., making possible a cycle of innovation and growth for device makers, application developers, cloud providers, content providers and customers. This could be a powerful spur to economic growth.

I hope you will take these reasons into consideration and grant this merger. I believe this merger will greatly benefit the Canton community, the state of Ohio, and the nation.

Sincerely,



William J. Healy, II
Mayor, City of Canton

cc: Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell